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## Human Osteology, Taphonomy, & Forensic Recovery of Human Remains

### Instructors:

**Teresa "Lilly" White, Ph.D. & Hillary Parsons, Ph.D.**

**Septemeber 18 - 22, 2023**

**Tuition: \$929 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

### Location:

**Whatcom County Emergency Operation Center  
3888 Sound Way | Bellingham WA 98229**

### Lodging Information:

**Holiday Inn & Suites-Bellingham Airport  
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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# Human Osteology, Taphonomy, & Forensic Recovery of Human Remains

The role of the forensic anthropologist in the medico-legal system is to assist investigators with the identification of deceased individuals, particularly those in advanced stages of decomposition and those who have skeletonized. Forensic anthropologists specialize in the detailed archaeological recovery of human remains from a variety of contexts, conduct biological and forensic analyses of human remains, and have expert training in detecting patterns of trauma, postmortem alteration of remains, and estimating the time since death. Since forensic anthropology employs the principles of anthropology to analyze legal problems involving human osteological material, it is an applied science that embraces both anthropological and forensic studies.

### Workshop Objectives:

Attendees of this hands-on workshop will learn proper search and recovery methods used to locate, document, and recover human remains. Improper recovery techniques, however well intentioned, have the potential to destroy or leave behind valuable information that may compromise the investigation or hinder the identification process.

Topics to be covered on Basic Human Osteology and Taphonomy include, but are not limited to:

- Identification of human skeletal remains
- Basic siding techniques
- Minimum number of individuals (MNI)
- Human/Non-human
- Process/stages of decomposition, time since death
- Natural Environment
- Decomposition
- Animal activity
- Entomological activity
- Gravity
- Concealment methods
- Lab/Practical Exercises

### References

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## COURSE INSTRUCTORS

### DR. TERESA “LILLY” WHITE, PH.D.



Teresa ‘Lilly’ White, PhD, is a native Montanan. She received her BSLS in 2005 from MSU-B, her BA in Forensic Anthropology in 2011, her MA in Forensic Anthropology in 2013, and her PhD in Anthropology in 2019, from the University of Montana.

Lilly and her husband, Stocky (also a PhD in Anthropology), are the owners of Bone & Stone Anthrosciences, L.L.C., where they provide Anthropological & Archaeological Consulting Services and Educational Workshops to Federal, State, County, Tribal, and City Law Enforcement Personnel, Coroners/Death Investigators, Chaplains, Public Safety Officers, Forensic Practitioners, Physicians and Nurses, Mental Health Practitioners, Funeral Personnel, International Emergency Services companies, and others.

From 2015 - 2018, Lilly created and facilitated a Medicolegal Death Investigation Conference at the University of Montana, where she provided continuing education to hundreds of attendees. She has worked as an Adjunct Instructor at UM, teaching Fundamentals of Forensic Science.

Lilly teaches courses on: cultural and forensic anthropology, osteology, death investigations, death notification studies including compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma, human decomposition and entomology, thermal and explosives trauma on bodies, bone pathology and taphonomy, forensic recovery of scattered human remains, clandestine grave discovery and excavation, cold case investigations, end-of-life issues, grief facilitation, differentiating perimortem gunshot trauma from blunt force, after a car fire, autoerotic asphyxia (AeA), equivocal deaths, bloodstain pattern analysis, social determinants of health for sexual abuse victims, dark tourism, and other fascinating topics.

### DR. HILLARY PARSONS, PH.D.



Hillary Parsons, Ph.D., is a practicing forensic anthropologist specializing in the recovery and identification of human skeletal remains. She received her Ph.D. in biological anthropology from the University of Tennessee, her M.A. in anthropology from the University of Montana, and her B.S. from Montana State University in her hometown of Bozeman, Montana. Hillary has instructed short-courses of topics in forensic anthropology for the past 15 years, is a member of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, and an Associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Parsons is the sole-proprietor of her forensic anthropology-consulting firm, Odyssey Anthropology L.L.C., providing forensic anthropological and archaeological services at home and abroad. Hillary regularly provides her expertise for law enforcement and other medicolegal entities on modern forensic casework. In addition, many of her projects entail the search and recovery of fallen U.S. service personnel from the battlefields of Vietnam and World War II, work she feels very passionate about. She also regularly consults for an explosive ordnance disposal company to remove unexploded ordnance from archaeologically significant sites in the remote jungles of Laos. Most recently, Hillary provided mortuary assistance to the city of New York during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When not on assignment to remote locations in search and recovery of America's fallen war heroes or providing relief to the medicolegal community on the heels of a pandemic, Hillary calls the Pacific Northwest her home.